

# Snipper Blade Change Instructions

## Model 5190 / 5191

1. Open blade – Release locking clip to open handles and blade.
2. Place material to be cut in blade opening and squeeze handles firmly until blade cuts through the material.
3. Keep blade in closed position until ready to cut again. Position locking clip over handles when tool is not in use.

## Model 5290 / 7290

1. Pull the handles apart fully to open blade.
2. Place material to be cut squarely against the cradle, and squeeze handles together completely. Relax the handles to engage next ratchet tooth and squeeze handles again. Repeat until blade cuts through the material.

## Caution

Always wear eye protection. Special care is needed when cutting cold or brittle plastics. Pipe can crack or shatter causing possible eye injury. Keep fingers clear when cutting. Blade is sharp! Pick up and hold tool by handles. When not using snipper, keep blade in closed position to avoid injury and to prevent damage to blade.

## Helpful Hints

- To prevent cracking of cold pipe – warm pipe (no direct flame) and make cut using slow, even strokes.
- Apply light oil on mechanism to reduce friction and prevent rusting.
- Rotate snipper slightly around very flexible thin pipe to assist in cutting.

## Resharpen Blade

Using fine, hard whetstone held at 30° angle to blade, sharpen evenly on both sides of cutting edge. If cut is not square, sharpen side toward which blade deflects. Draw stone into blade, not away.

## Replace Blade

### 5200 / 5299 Blade

Remove blade pivot bolt assembly. Slide actuating handle from cutter body. Remove both Phillips head screws and pull out blade. Reinstall new or sharpened blade into blade slot, then replace and tighten screws. Slip actuating handle through cutter body, blade first. Replace and tighten pivot assembly.

### 5300 Blade

Fully open handles. Remove nut and blade pivot bolt and wave washers using screwdriver and wrench. Pull blade out of body to expose blade pin and retaining ring. CAUTION: Blade is very sharp. Remove ring and pin. Reassemble in reverse order. Check the replacement blade for straight cuts.

### 7300 Blade

Fully open handles. Remove nut and blade pivot bolt and waive washers using screwdriver and wrench. Pull blade out of body to expose blade pin and retaining ring. CAUTION: Blade is very sharp. Remove ring and pin. Reassemble in reverse order. Check the replacement blade for straight cuts.



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